



Programs In Review

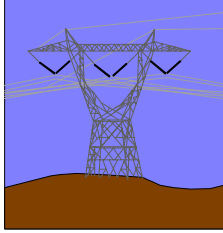
Transmission Business Line Operation & Maintenance

Where We Are — Where We're Going

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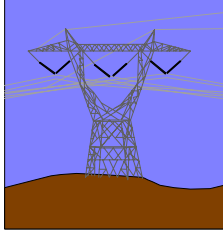




Keys To Our Success

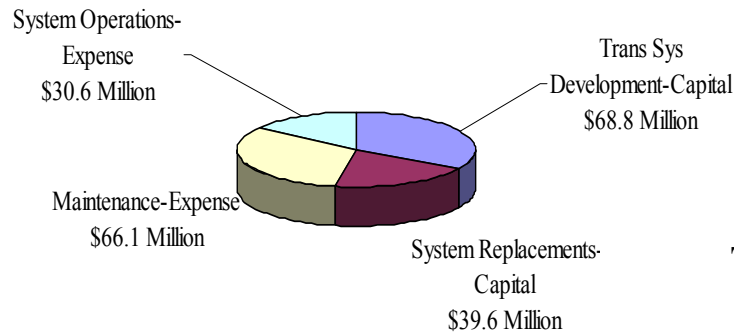
- Reliability
- Availability
- Safety
- Efficiency and Productivity
- Employee Development – Present and Future



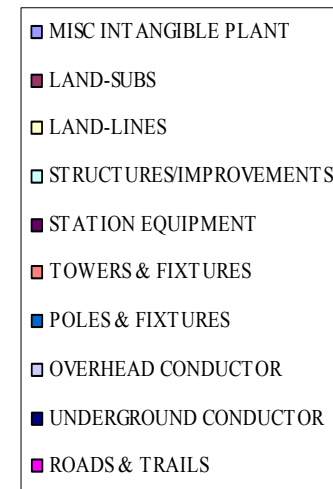
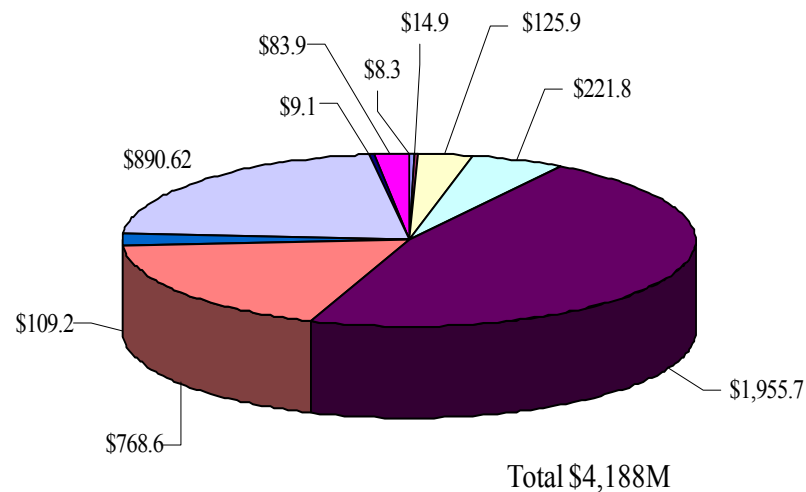


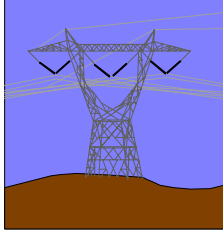
Operations & Maintenance

FY 01 Actual Costs



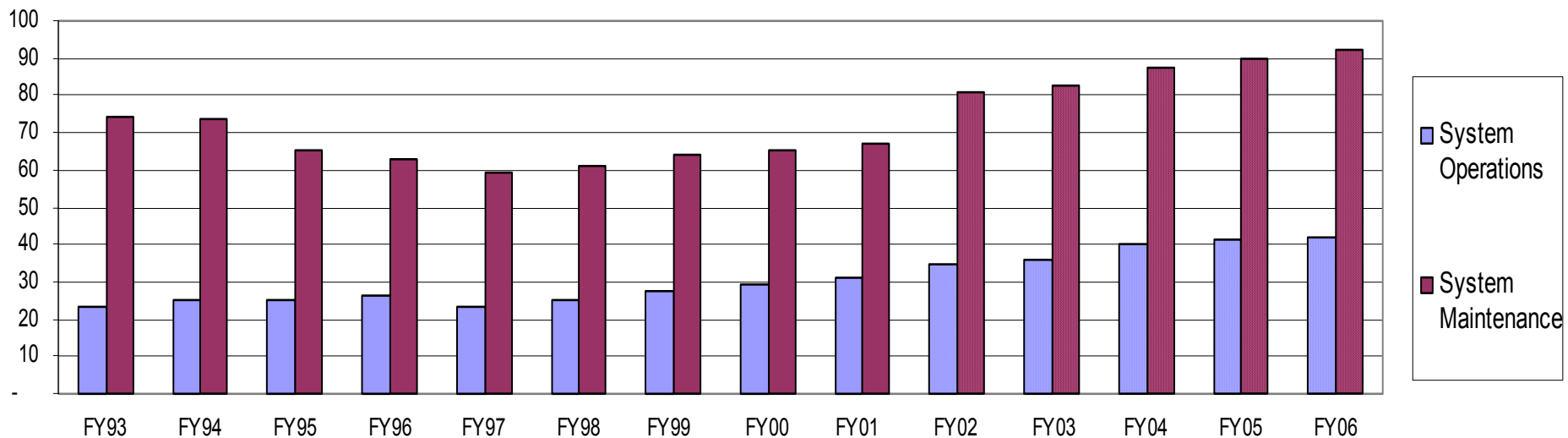
Transmission Plant Investment as of 09/30/01 Dollars in Millions





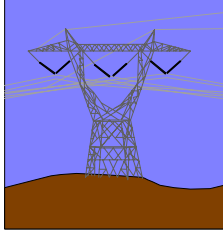
O&M History and Projections

O&M Direct Expenses Dollars in Millions (with Inflation)



FY002- FY06 Projected

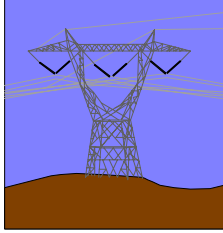




O&M Expenses Rising

- Need for new infrastructure projects
- TBL's efforts to manage a constrained system.
- Additional staff needed for O&M to assure work accommodates traffic on the lines, while protecting reliability.

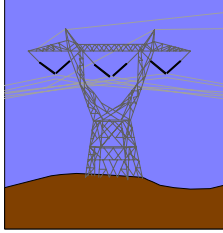




Maximizing Use of Resources

- Increase availability/maintain reliability:
 - Using existing resources and implementing new work practices
 - Focus on core business – sale of delivery facilities
 - Workload and staffing based on equipment inventories and Emergency Response Levels
 - Supplement crews with contractors during peak season work
 - Bundling work





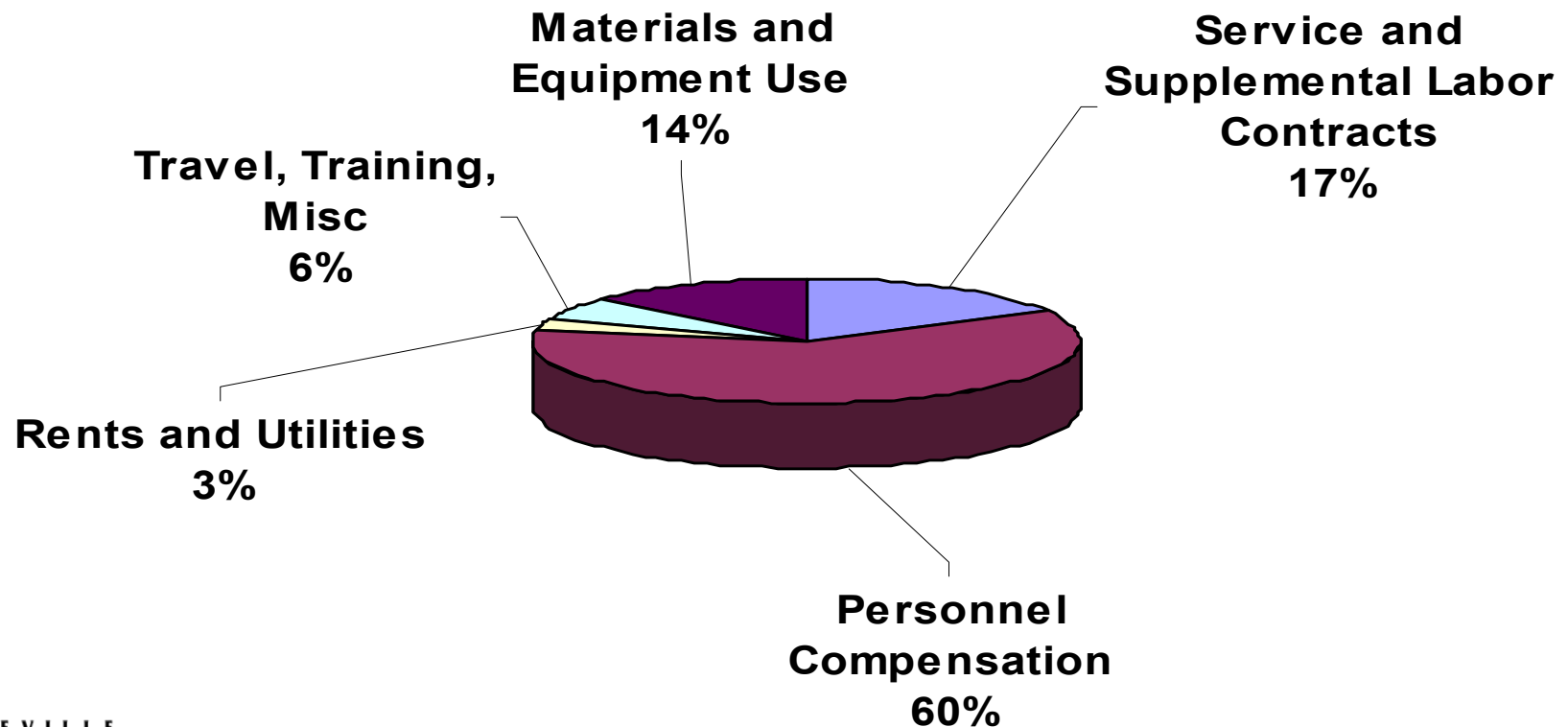
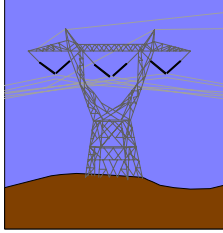
O&M Cost Reductions

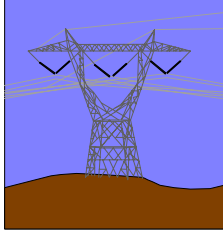
- Preliminary FY03 O&M program budget cut \$11 million.
- These program levels delayed to FY04, but without inflation. Major areas of reduction include:
 - Service contracts
 - Non-electric maintenance and substation work
 - Delay in hiring and training
 - Delay in various software acquisitions
 - Reduce enhancements in training curriculum and facilities



O&M – FY02

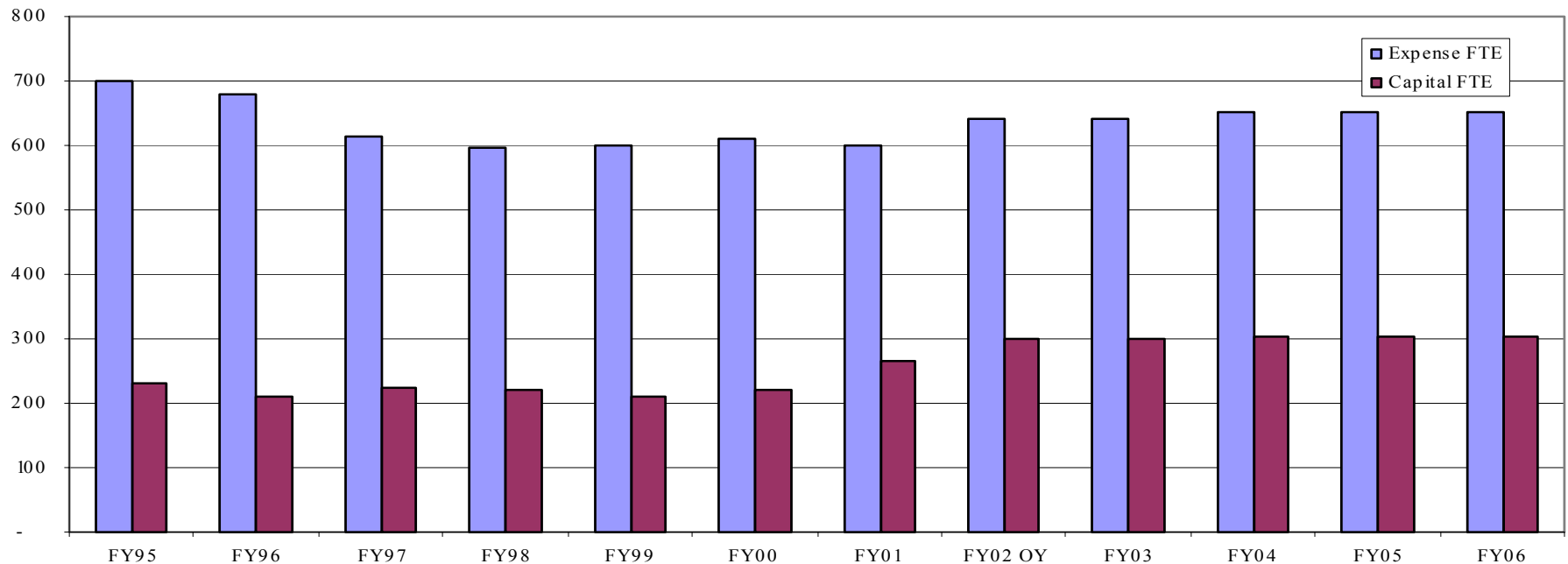
Resource Breakdown

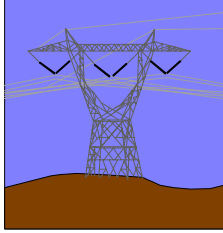




Staffing History and Projection

Transmission Field Services FTE



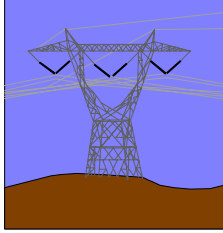


Reliability is Still Important

- System Reliability remains a high priority:
 - Reliability Center Maintenance is the cornerstone of our maintenance program.
 - Until the infrastructure projects are complete, keeping the existing system going creates many challenges.
 - Outage coordination is increasingly more difficult with several last minute changes.
- We must continue to maintain and replace aging or failing equipment.

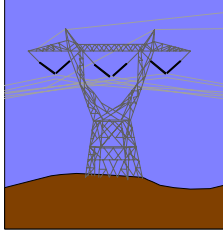


Emerging Market Drivers & System Availability



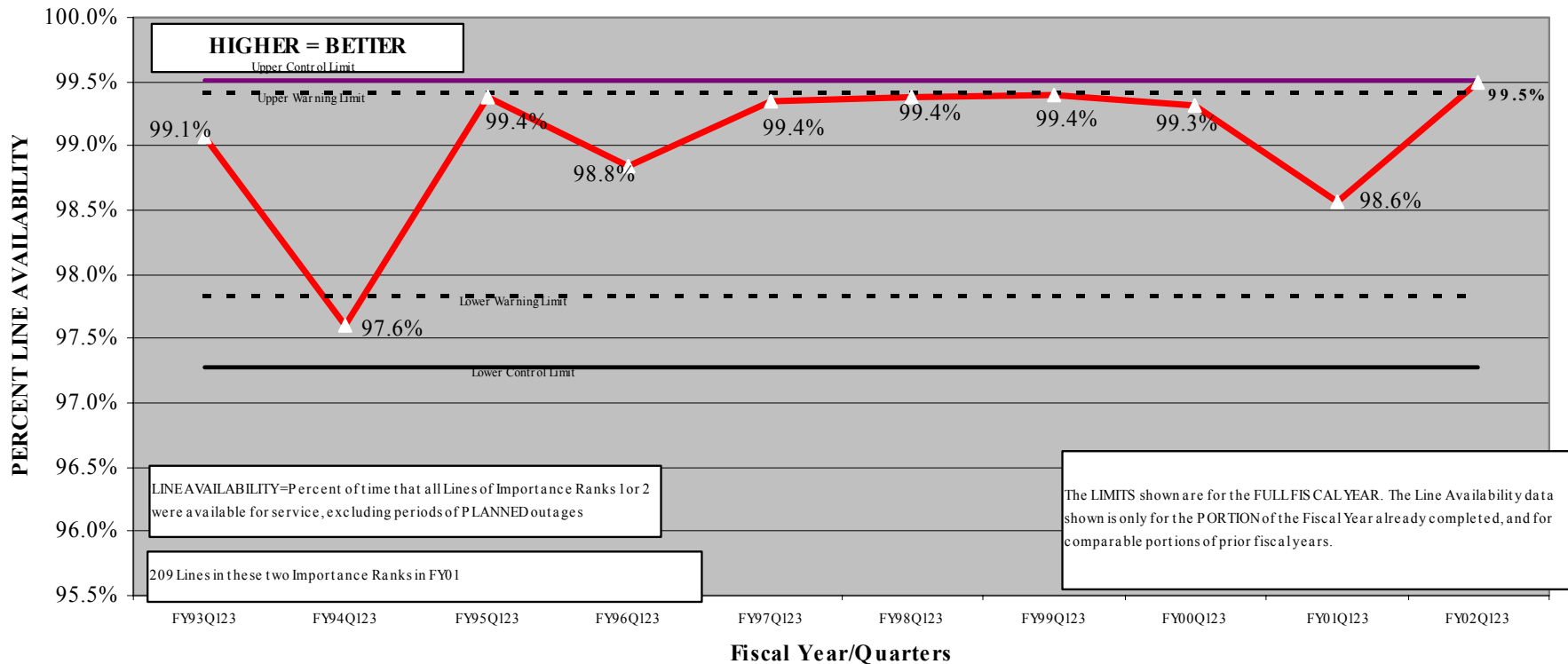
- System Availability is a primary driver for transmission system operations in a deregulated market. The result is upward pressure on O&M expenses:
 - Working off-peak outages and reduced outage windows – increased overtime and travel
 - Implementation of new O&M work practices such as hot line maintenance – training, tools and equipment



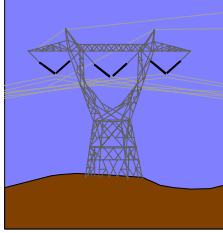


Line Availability FY93–FY02

LINE AVAILABILITY FOR THE "MOST IMPORTANT" LINES
FY93 - FY02: FIRST THRU THIRD QUARTERS ONLY

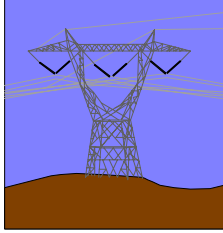


Other Pressures on System Maintenance



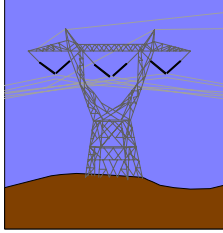
- System changes and environmental issues concerning fish and wildlife habitat conservation and enhancement have caused BPA to develop and implement programs that respond to these issues.
- Vegetation Management Program
 - Implement 2000 Vegetation Management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) --Integrated approach of manual, biological and chemical practices.
- Access Road Program
 - System-wide access road prioritization process





O&M Summary

- Reliability and Safety are our foremost concerns
- Maximizing efficiency of the workforce:
 - Staffing adjustments
 - Need tools and work equipment for new work practices
 - Scarcity of skilled workforce



O&M Summary

- Significant ongoing economic pressures
 - Maintaining an aging system
 - Environmental Responsibilities
- New realities of the expanding market:
 - Need to assure system availability
 - Additional overtime costs driven by outage availability
 - System flexibility is not what it used to be

